DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESHVARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions were held inter-alia on the following subjects:—

(i) The working of Delhi Women's Cells and their mandate;

(ii) Legal Limitations; Procedural and other constraints in the working of Women's Cells;

(iii) The Women's Cells and their potential, both as a police and adjudicating body-scope for expansion of jurisdictions;

(iv) Public expectations/common/ specific complaints against women's cells. The recommendations of the Commission have not been received by the Government.

Grants released to a ALIMCO to after CBI inquiry

4659. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted a CBI inquiry into the whole gamut of issues relating to Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation, Kanpur;

(b) if so, when the CBI inquiry was ordered;

(c) how much grants under ADIP Scheme has been released to ALIMCO after the CBI inquiry was ordered; and

(d) whether Rules prohibit release of funds during pendency of CBI inquiry, facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) Government have asked CBI on 3.2.1992 to enquire into matters pertaining to allegations, as have been brought out in the Report submitted by Chairman-cum-managing Directors, National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation. Two officers including the M. D. have since been suspended.

It may be mentioned that funds under ADIP scheme are released to give aids and appliances to the handicapped persons. To continue the programme without break grants under ADIP scheme amounting to Rs. 8.00 crores have been released to ALIMCO, for benefitting the handicapped, during the last two and current financial years after CBI inquiry was ordered.

Grants sanctioned to helping hand Charitable Trust, Noida

4660. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned grants to Helping Hand Charitable Trust NOIDA;

(b) if so, whether the said grant has since been released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) A CBI inquiry is in progress.

Conditions of Kasturba Niketan

4661. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated 3rd August, 1992 regarding appealling conditions in the Kasturba Niketan housing the widows from the erstwhile East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.